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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the newly set up alliance of some cellular operators with a number of subscribers in a number of cities has announced new joint tariffs; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of subscribers and cities as well as its impact on STD rates?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI A PRADHAN)

(a) Sir, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), in terms of TRAI Act, is, inter-alia, mandated for fixation of tariffs for telecom services including Cellular Mobile Telephone Service (CMTS). As intimated by TRAI, each operator is required to report tariff to TRA for his licensed Service Area in terms of Telecommunication Tariff Order, 1999 of TRAI. There is no provision for reporting of joint tariffs and TRAI has not received any joint tariffs from any alliance of cellular operators.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.